



## To: Community Based Victim Assistance Programs

### WE ARE LAUNCHING THIRD PARTY REPORTING!!

The BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs and Community Coordination for Women's Safety are pleased to announce the launch of the province-wide Third Party Reporting Initiative (TPR).

Third Party Reporting was developed for survivors who are 19 years of age or older and is intended as the resource of last resort for those who are reluctant to make a direct police report.

This initiative has been developed in partnership with:

- The BC Association of Chiefs of Police
- The BC Association of Specialized Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs
- The Community Coordination for Women's Safety Program
- RCMP "E" Division
- Saanich Police Department
- Vancouver Police Department Sex Crimes Unit
- The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Many of you attended the regional trainings in May and June and since that time have been waiting to receive the final versions of the report form and cover sheet. We have finally reached the stage where the RCMP has completed their policy and distributed it to all detachments and the municipal police departments have almost all completed their policies. (There are a few that are still in process, please contact Michelle Novakowski or Tracy Porteous if you run into any problems).

In order to track the number of TPRs that are forwarded to police, we are asking that workers enter the number of TPRs they do in a month on their OPRA statistical reports. We expect this number will be very low and there will probably be nothing to record in some months. To ensure consistency; under the "Notes" section at the bottom of the report, please put the number of TPRs done that month. Beside the number, please note "TPR". For example, if you did two TPRs in a month, your entry under the "Notes" section would look like this: **2 TPR.**

This way we will be able count up the entries later. If you have any questions, please call Michelle.

Attached are:

- 1) Community Agency Procedures document
- 2) Third Party Reporting Form Cover Sheet
- 3) Third Party Reporting Form
- 4) RCMP Policy

After two years of working towards this day, we are very excited to see this project underway.

Please don't hesitate to call should you encounter any challenges along the way to implementing third party reporting.

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